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The Peace Treaty and the Security Treaty with Japan were fundamental steps in the establishment of a friendly association between Japan and the United States. Since the coming into force of those treaties, we have proceeded along several lines to establish a firm basis for our relations with Japan. We have concluded a fisheries treaty with Japan. We have completed negotiation of a civil air transport agreement. We have almost completed a negotiation of conventions for the avoidance of double taxation. The treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation with Japan, which is now before you, is another step, and an important step, in progress toward sound and mutually advantageous Japanese-American relations.

Prewar commercial relations between the United States and Japan rested upon a commercial treaty concluded in 1911. This treaty was terminated by the United States in January of 1940. At the present time our commercial relations with Japan rest upon the temporary arrangements provided by Article 12 of the Peace Treaty. This Article expresses Japan's willingness promptly to enter into negotiation of comprehensive commercial treaties with the Allied Powers. In the same article Japan agreed in the meantime to accord to Allied Powers on a reciprocal basis most-favored-nation treatment with respect to the importation and exportation of goods and national treatment with respect to other commercial activities normally covered by such treaties. The pending treaty with the United States is Japan's first postwar commercial treaty.

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